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Grim Battle Developing for City Clerk, Treasurer Posts

The furor that has been kicked up over the coming municipal election for three city councilmen and a mayor has blown a smokescreen that has obscured another battle on the April 10 ballot. Two other city positions on the ballot, city clerk and city treasurer, are equally important but are getting virtually no publicity. A grimly determined battle for these two posts is developing, with each of the candidates outlining platforms where no platform ever existed before. Candidates have noted that these are ELECTED positions and that the contenders who win will be responsible to the voters and not to other city officials. Contestants for these two positions have some interesting points to make. But they have been overlooked in the series of meetings and coffee klatches called to get the opinions and stands of other candidates for election.

Considered as "part-time" jobs in the past, majority of candidates feel that growth of the city makes full-time application to the job mandatory. Positions were established when Torrance was little more than a village and the duties of the post were light. Phenomenal growth of the city has increased the importance of the positions tremendously, although salaries paid have not increased proportionally. One unique factor in the campaign for these positions is that none of the candidates wishes to conduct the office as it has been conducted before. Each has ideas for improving the efficiency of the office, ideas for saving the taxpayer money, ideas for making the post truly representative of voter opinion. The struggle for council positions is noisier and more expensive, but, for a good view of grassroots American politics in action, keep an eye on the battle for the two lesser posts.

Local Businessman Opens Campaign For Election to Torrance Council

Fred Steinbroner, candidate for city council in the coming municipal elections, this week opened his campaign for election. In a statement to the Torrance Press Steinbroner said: "If elected to the Torrance city council I will give of my time to help keep Torrance a well run, clean and safe city in which to live. I will work to get more and better emergency services for the public. "My fifteen years experience in the automotive business, and my memberships and affiliation in national, trade, business and automotive associations give me the experience necessary to help run Torrance more efficiently and to hold the line on taxes. "I feel that a good businessman will be good business for Torrance." Steinbroner, and his wife Maureen, are the parents of two sons, Fred III, and Charles. He is a veteran of the South Pacific campaigns of World War II.



FRED STEINBRONER ... Opens Campaign

Salisbury Named As Manager of Lyman Campaign

Leo Salisbury, Torrance businessman announced that he will act as chairman of the Non-Partisan committee to elect David K. Lyman to the Torrance City Council in the election to be held April 10. Salisbury stated that the present members of the committee are, Gerald L. Alter, R. D. Barkdull, John B. Billings, Neil Campbell, Jerry Dunn, Pat Huffine, Mrs. J. G. Laird, C. Loewenberg, Henry Mahler, Mrs. Hilary Morrow, Haig Marshlian, Mrs. Russell Paxton, Gordon Phillips, Dr. Alfred Redisch, Robert Vroman, Roger West, Robert B. White, Boris S. Woolley and Reverend Gilbert S. Zimmerman. Salisbury extended an invitation to all Torrance voters to join the committee. "Lyman is campaigning on a platform designed to benefit those people who are interested in Torrance as a place to live and raise a family and if you desire a man who will represent all the citizens of our community and not just a favored few I ask you to support David K. Lyman," Salisbury said. Those people interested in further information may contact Leo Salisbury at 20631 Hawthorne Blvd. Use classified ads for quick results. DA 5-1515.

Open House Set For Dr. Boyce In Harbor City

Invitations have been extended to more than 600 Republican leaders of the 17th Congressional District to attend the opening of campaign headquarters for Republican Congressional Candidate Dr. Merle H. Boyce. Open house is to be held Sunday, March 18 from 2 to 6 p.m., at Boyce's headquarters, 1531 Lomita Blvd., Suite D, Harbor City. Key committee chairman, along with Dr. Boyce and campaign headquarters volunteer workers headed by Mrs. Lucille Jensen, will greet guests. Refreshments will be served. Among Republican leaders invited to the open house are Chet Leatham, Los Angeles County Republican Central Committee chairman and Charles Soderstrom of San Pedro, Harbor area Republican leader.

Letters

What price a human life? An hour or two out of your week of 168 hours? If you have volunteered to walk for the American Cancer Society Drive you may be the one who will save that life. If you haven't yet volunteered there is still time. Certainly the people of Central Torrance are as deeply concerned with saving lives in this way as are people living in other parts of Torrance. Last year Central Torrance residents were not alerted to the cancer signals of cancer or given a chance to contribute to finding a cure through the American Cancer Society campaign because no one in this part of the city was found to organize the drive. The task of finding a chairman this year was beginning to seem impossible when Mrs. Peter Miller consented to take the job. If the people living in the area bounded by Hawthorne Blvd. on the west, Del Amo on the north, Western on the west and W. 240th St. on the south wish to have a part helping in the American Cancer Society drive to save lives they should show their willingness by phoning Mrs. Miller at DA 6-1505 and personally volunteering to cover a block or two. We have no section or neighborhood chairmen for this part of the city so if the "man on the street" doesn't make it his individual responsibility to volunteer, the American Cancer Society drive in Central Torrance will fail again this year. I feel confident this will not happen. Won't you call now? they will do so by supporting candidates who will work strongly on the city council for more growth—on trees, shrubs and grass in more parks." Use classified. DA 5-1515

Miller Platform Reported By Council Candidate

"Growth on trees, shrubs and grass in an expanded system of neighborhood parks is more of an issue today with the people of Torrance than growth of population," City Council Candidate Ken Miller said this week. As a member of the Torrance Planning Commission, Miller said he has become increasingly aware of a change in the public's thinking. "Only a few years ago, a record breaking census of the title as the fastest-growing city in Los Angeles County was all-important to Torrance. The people here have changed. Now they want more parks and more recreation facilities for themselves and their children," he said.



KEN MILLER ... Candidate

TREND "The city council must be aware of this trend and place greater emphasis on parks and recreation at budget time if it is going to keep in step with the people of Torrance whom it represents," Miller declared. "As a native son, I have been an interested participant in Torrance's growth from a small city somewhere southwest of Los Angeles into a large metropolitan center. I know this sudden growth has cost all citizens a large share of their tax dollar. Now, I believe they want to slow down, or pause, and use some of these tax dollars for the improvements which will directly benefit them and their families," he pointed out.

Senate Candidate Makes Torrance Appearance

Loyd Wright, candidate for the U.S. Senate, spoke Monday night, at the Smith Bros. Fish Shanty, 4020 Pacific Coast Highway. Wright is now a candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator from the State of California. He is past president of the American Bar Association and past president of the State Bar of California. He has served on many governmental commissions and in 1955 was chairman of a twelve member bi-partisan commission on government security, created by Congress to study security problems of the United States government.

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Supervisors Prepare for More Bond Sales To Finance Further Storm Drain Projects

Supervisor Burton W. of the program through the Chace said today that an fall of this year. other \$25 million in 1958. The Board of Supervisors storm drain bonds will be has instructed the County sold to finance construction Counsel to prepare a resolution authorizing sale of the bonds with bids to be opened April 3 and delivery set around May 8. This will be the sixth sale of bonds with \$75 million already having been sold, Chace said. The Supervisor said the 1958 program is making excellent progress with over half of the 184 projects completed or currently under construction. Voters approved the undertaking in 1958 and actual construction got under way during the summer of 1959. The bond issue calls for the building of nearly 500 miles of additional storm drain facilities in various critical County locations. Design of the projects is handled by the cities where they will be located or by the County Engineer for unincorporated territory, Chace said. They are built by private contractors under competitive bid procedures. Construction, operation and maintenance of the facilities is supervised by County Flood Control District Chief Engineer M. E. Salisbury, Supervisor Chace added.

Preparations Underway for 1963 County Tax Appeals Sessions

Machinery to implement the possible establishment of five three-man tax appeals boards to hear the annual presentations by taxpayers that their property was discriminated against by the county assessor was set in motion by the Board of Supervisors this week. According to Supervisor Burton W. Chace the equalization of assessments on all property in the county at the present time is the responsibility of the supervisors, but proposition 15 on the November general election ballot, if approved by the voters, will give the job to the appointive boards in 1963. FINANCE NOW Because there won't be an opportunity to establish a budget between the November 6 election and the first Monday in July when the boards sit in equalization, the supervisors were asked by County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy and Assessor John R. Quinn to finance the operation now. If the plan is approved by the electorate, the supervisors for the first time will notify taxpayers of their assessments in advance of the equalization period, according to Chace. Under proposition 15, each supervisor will nominate five persons to serve on the appeals board. The presiding judge of the superior court will draw names in groups of three until five three-man boards have been created. This means that 15 of the original 25 people nominated by the five supervisors will receive appointments to the appeals board. "Property owners who feel their real estate has been assessed at a higher figure than similar property under identical circumstances may appeal for a reduction in assessment," Chace concluded. The board will appoint a 25-member executive committee to present the proposition to the voters.

Harbor College Dean Named to Tax Center

Glenn G. Gooder, Dean of Student Personnel at Harbor College, has been selected to serve on a special tax and bond information center established at the Board of Education offices. As a junior college representative at the information center he will appear before community and civic groups to promote the passage of the proposed school bonds and tax increase in the June 5 election. It is anticipated that the junior colleges will be asking for approval of \$24,000,000 in the bond issue. Harbor College is scheduled to receive over \$3,000,000 of this for the completion of its building program. Leo Sirakides, Coordinator of Student Activities, will serve in Dean Gooder's capacity until his return. Edward Robings, head of the Business Education Department will take over Sirakides' post. CRIMINAL CASES \$93,068,140 of additional taxes and penalties was collected by the Federal government in 1960 from cases involved in criminal prosecution.

Use classified ads for quick results. DA 5-1515. Airman Basie Gilbert E. Lambert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleophas N. Lambert of 22633 Ladeene Ave., Torrance, is being assigned to the United States Air Force technical training course for radio and radar maintenance specialists at Keesler AFB, Miss. Airman Lambert, who has completed his basic military training here, was selected for the advanced course on the basis of his interests and aptitudes. He is a 1959 graduate of North High School. Use classified ads for quick results. DA 5-1515.



R. S. Pyle, your Telephone Manager in Torrance

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2154 TORRANCE BLVD. (Corner of Arlington)

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Our telephone number will remain 328-1101.

Accidents happen—but there's no extra charge for phone repairs. Telephones are built to take plenty of wear and it's usually many years before one needs fixing. However, if ever your phone is accidentally damaged—or something goes wrong through normal use—just call us and we'll send someone out to fix it. There's never an extra charge; your telephone comes with built-in repair service.



You might not think so, listening to a fast talker, but everyone's speech is full of silent spaces, actually split-second pauses. Now, telephone people have found a way to put those silent spaces to work on overseas phone calls. Between California and Hawaii, for example, an amazing device called TASI (short for "Time Assignment Speech Interpolation") is now doubling the number of voices transoceanic cable can carry. 8,000 times a second TASI samples voice channels, uses those split-second pauses in speech to send bits of other conversations over the momentarily idle lines. At the other end, the conversations are unscrambled and sound just like normal phone calls. TASI is another way we've found to bring you more—and better—telephone service. Pacific Telephone



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